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## **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

- 1. (currently amended) A method for inhibiting a malignant cell phenotype <u>in</u> a <u>subject</u>, said method comprising: administering to cells a low dose of a nitric oxide mimetic, wherein said low dose is 3 to 10,000 fold lower than a dose of said nitric oxide mimetic that produces vasodilation, and wherein said low dose does not induce substantial tolerance.
  - 2. (canceled)
- 3. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 [[or 2]] wherein administration of the nitric oxide mimetic inhibits metastases and development of resistance to antimalignant therapeutic modalities in the cells.
- 4. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 [[or 2]] wherein administration of the nitric oxide mimetic inhibits development of a more aggressive malignant cell phenotype in the cells upon administration of an anti-VEGF agent.
- 5. (currently amended) The method of claim1 [[or 2]] wherein administration of the nitric oxide mimetic inhibits development of a malignant cell phenotype in cells exposed to factors which lower cellular nitric oxide mimetic activity.
  - 6-7. (canceled)
  - 8. (cancelled)
  - **9-12**. (canceled)
- 13. (currently amended) A method for inhibiting a malignant cell phenotype in an animal, said method comprising: administering to said animal in need thereof a low dose of a

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nitric oxide mimetic, wherein said low dose is 3 to 10,000 fold lower than a dose of said nitric oxide mimetic that produces vasodilation, and wherein said low dose does not induce substantial tolerance.

## 14-15. (canceled)

- 16. (original) The method of claim 13 wherein administration of the nitric oxide mimetic inhibits tumor metastases and development of resistance to antimalignant therapeutic modalities in cells in the animal.
- 17. (original) The method of claim 13 wherein administration of the nitric oxide mimetic inhibits development of a more aggressive malignant cell phenotype in cells in the animal upon administration of an anti-VEGF agent to the animal.
- 18. (original) The method of claim 13 wherein administration of the nitric oxide mimetic inhibits development of a malignant cell phenotype in animals exposed to factors which lower cellular nitric oxide mimetic activity.
- 19. (currently amended) A method of treating cancer in a subject, said method comprising administering to said subject in need thereof a low dose of a nitric oxide mimetic, wherein said low dose is 3 to 10,000 fold lower than a dose of said nitric oxide mimetic that produces vasodilation, and wherein said low dose does not induce substantial tolerance.
  - **20-21**. (canceled)
  - 22. (original) The method of claim 19 wherein the cancer is prostate cancer.
  - 23-29. (canceled)
  - **30-32**. (canceled)
- 33. (currently amended) A method for inhibiting a malignant cell phenotype, said method comprising administering to cells a low dose of a nitric oxide mimetic, wherein said

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low dose is between about 10<sup>-14</sup> M to about 10<sup>-6</sup> M of said nitric oxide mimetic, and wherein said low dose is 3 to 10,000 fold lower than a dose of the nitric oxide mimetic that produces vasodilation.

34. (previously presented) The method of claim 33, wherein said low dose is between about  $10^{-14}$  M to about  $10^{-10}$  M of said nitric oxide mimetic.

35.-40 (cancelled)